

Appl. No. 10/594,800
Election dated December 9, 2009
Reply to Restriction Requirement of 11/24/2009
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Appl. No. : 10/594,800 Confirmation No. 6717
Applicants : Kenji FURUKAWA et al.
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Title : Method for Treating Ammonia-Containing Wastewater
Art Unit : 1651
Examiner : Deborah K. Ware
Customer No. : 28289

ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 24, 2009, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

Election of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being submitted electronically in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the date set forth below.

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12/09/2009

Date

ELECTION

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 24, 2009, in which a shortened statutory period for reply was set for one month. The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I: Claims 1 and 4-15, drawn to a process for treating ammonia using immobilization; and

Group II: Claim 3, drawn to a process for treating ammonia with a mixture of bacteria in situ.

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the invention of Group II including claim 3 and new claims 16-27 submitted herein.

Applicants reserve their right to file at a later time a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b), there is no change in inventorship as a result of this election.